

## Community Garden to be launched this weekend

HOLYOKE – There will be a launch party for new community garden space on Saturday, June 26 at 10 a.m. The garden will be open to residents of Holyoke and surrounding communities to clean up, plant vegetables, learn about urban gardening and celebrate the new community space.

Holyoke Redevelopment Authority opened applications to community members and local organizations to present proposals for vacant lot at 774 Dwight Street, Holyoke. The proposal written by Neighbor to Neighbor members in Holyoke was approved to work with Nueva Esperanza Inc. on a Climate Resiliency Hub here in Holyoke, this is the first piece of that project.

Neighbor to Neighbor MA is excited to hold space for the community to learn more about growing food in our neighborhoods as a long-term solution to food insecurity. The project feels timely as we come out of a global pandemic where our communities were hit hard with both the virus and the impacts of resources being hard to access. Neighbor to Neighbor, Nueva Esperanza Inc., South Holyoke Neighborhood Association and Pioneer Valley Worker's Center have been holding a food distribution twice a month for the last

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## Handball enthusiasts to offer free clinics

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HOLYOKE – Starting next month, free of charge handball clinics will be held at the Roberts Handball Courts behind the Holyoke High School North Campus.

Handball players and members of the non-profit New England Handball Inc., Nancy and Will Ortiz are offering handball clinics for three consecutive Thursdays in July starting on July 7 from 4 to 5:15 p.m. Will Ortiz has roots in Holyoke and started playing handball when he was seven-years-old. Now at age 49, he is trying to help the activity become more popular.

“It was a very popular activity in town and it’s since died down, they’ve removed some courts and we’ve been working on bringing the sport and interest back,” Will Ortiz said. “We’ve been involved in masterplan meetings to possibly get new courts in the city.”

There are a few courts around the city including the wooden ones at the Roberts Handball Courts, the Auxiliary Gym, and a small court at Springdale Park.

The group is advocating for a new court in South Holyoke, and are trying to work with the Holyoke Parks and Recreation and Acting Mayor Terrence Murphy for this project. They’re also hoping to get youth more involved in the sport as it uses an affordable rubber ball and a wall, there’s one wall handball and three wall handball that can be played. The Ortiz’s want youth more involved so the courts see



Bill Simon, Will Ortiz, Israel Rivera, and Nancy Ortiz play on the handball court near Holyoke High School. There will be clinics held there next month.

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more use and so they’ll bring their parents, guardians, and caretakers with them to play a fun game of handball.

Nancy Ortiz said they’re trying to get more parents and guardians in the parks in the city, and playing handball with their kids is a great way to get some exercise, get outside, and monitor the parks.

They’re also hoping to create a youth handball league in the city in the future, as there are adult leagues. any

works in the schools and has done work including handball in schools and having it put in gym teacher’s curriculums. She is the Massachusetts chair of the United States Handball Association and is trying to get kids, teens, and adults into the sport.

The clinics this summer will be free of charge for ages 10 to 18 on July 7, July 15, and July 22 for an hour and a half each. Will said handball is a fun lifetime sport that anyone can

learn and partake in, no experience is needed for these clinics as they’ll train all who attend. The Ortiz’s have held clinics in previous years, and work in towns like Springfield and Northampton to fix up courts and make the sport more popular.

Those interested can call the Holyoke Parks and Recreation Department at 413-322-5620 to ask questions or sign up for the summer program.

## Large fields for mayor, city council beginning to emerge

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HOLYOKE – The election season is approaching soon and although acting Mayor Terrence Murphy isn’t running for his positions in the city, plenty of others are certified candidates.

There is a long list of candidates for mayor as well as city councilors, and the list is available online on the city clerk’s page. The list includes certified and uncertified candidates, the difference is that certified candidates are fully ready to be put on the ballot while uncertified candidates have

more things to turn in first. The clerk’s office said there are a lot of people who have taken out paper work and haven’t turned anything back in yet, but there’s plenty of time to get papers back in.

The nomination papers were available since Jan. 11, and are due back to the city clerk’s office on July 27 at 4:30 p.m.

The papers must be submitted in person and are not available online. As for those voting; the last day to register for the preliminary election is Sept. 1, as the preliminary election will be

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## SCHOOL SPIRIT IS BACK!



With limited time in school, Spirit Week was recently held prior to the end of the school at the elementary schools in the city. School let out for the summer earlier this week.

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## Golden Seniors begin regular meetings again

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HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Senior Center is open again, bringing activities back to seniors in the area, including the Golden Seniors group.

The Golden Seniors group holds different events for seniors at the Holyoke Senior Center every Wednesday, the group use to run regularly before the COVID-19 virus closed down the Senior Center along with the rest of the city. Now that the Senior Center is open and more people are visit-

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# Wistariahurst to host wedding gown exhibit



Wistariahurst Museum will be presenting an exhibit of bridal gowns. Photos submitted



Various gowns will be on display beginning July 8.

HOLYOKE – On July 8, Wistariahurst will open Connecting Threads, a new exhibit from the Wistariahurst Textile Collection featuring 15 wedding gowns, stories from the past, and opportunities for visitors to share their own photos and memories. The exhibit will be hosted inside the historic mansion of Wistariahurst, with timed access by pre-registration, and also online at [www.Wistariahurst.org](http://www.Wistariahurst.org). The project is made possible with funds from the Holyoke Local Cultural Council.

“The chosen bridal gowns are unique or unusual examples from our collection,” says Penni Martorell, Wistariahurst Curator and Holyoke City Historian. “We are interested in sharing some of the personal stories behind these gowns because whether the gown is the finest satin and lace for a bride or a gown sewn on a budget and shared by family members, they are all artifacts with history worn by real people.”

The exhibit will be staged on the first floor of the historic mansion at Wistariahurst. Visitors will be asked to pre-register for their visits, and once inside will have the opportunity to self-guide through the exhibit and the historic spaces of the old Skinner estate. Many of the gowns are made of silk produced in the former Skinner mills of Holyoke.

In conjunction with the exhibit, on July 15 at

6:30 p.m, Emily Whitted, textile historian, will give a live, online presentation titled Marriage and Memory: The Material Meanings of the Wedding Dress. The event is free and pre-registration is live on Wistariahurst’s website.

Along with other cultural sites, Wistariahurst ceased on-site activities in March of 2020, offering a series of online educational programs throughout the past year that collectively drew around 700 attendees with participants logging on from across the globe. “We were absolutely delighted with the turnout for our virtual programs this past year,” says Kate Preissler, Wistariahurst Director. “The online format allows us to welcome in people who can’t make it to our site due to any number of reasons and we realized that virtual programs are a feature we should keep well beyond the pandemic. Connecting Threads will be the first time we offer a full exhibit experience online alongside the on-site display and we hope that people take advantage of both.”

In addition to the exhibit, Wistariahurst has opened back up this spring with guided garden tours, and various community-based events and programs. The historic site is in the midst of several capital projects to improve and preserve the site. The public can visit [www.Wistariahurst.org](http://www.Wistariahurst.org) for more information on upcoming programs and events.

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## Green Team recognized as 'Environmental Eagles'

HOLYOKE – Congratulations to the Donahue School Green Team for being awarded the “Environmental Eagles” certificate of recognition by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. This after-school club led by Christine Burns, a paraprofessional, met virtually twice a week as part of the school’s Connections program. Students learned about environmental issues such as climate change, pollinator problems, energy conservation and more.

Schools across the Commonwealth participated in this program but Donahue School is the only school in Western Mass to earn this honor.

“I’m so proud of our students for taking time to join our virtual Green Team this year. They deserve this recognition for their hard work and care for our environment,” shared Ms Burns, the Green Team Teacher.

“I am so proud of our students and Ms. Burns. The Green Team curriculum promotes academic learning through hands-on activities, as well as environmental awareness and responsibility. Our students learned how to make their homes, community and school cleaner and greener,” stated Ms. Langlois, Coordinator for the Donahue After School Program.

Fourth grade student Lindsey Gwiza shared, “It was fun. We got to learn a lot of fun stuff with Ms. Burns. I was able to share what I learned with my parents, like when we learned that pesticides kill bugs but they can also harm humans.”

An example activity was Charlie Lotspeich, a park ranger with the Mass Department of Conservation and Recreation at Holyoke Heritage State Park. He spoke to the students about Holyoke’s background as a hydro-electric city, as part of the group’s current focus on renewable and non-renewable energy.



A group from Donahue school was recently recognized for its environmental efforts Submitted photo

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# Care Center presents graduation for young moms

HOLYOKE – The Care Center’s 2021 graduation ceremony will be held at the Wistariahurst Museum on Friday, June 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. Students attending The Care Center who have passed the HiSET (GED) exam this year will be honored at the event. Close to 100 people are expected to attend the celebration at Wistariahurst. Holyoke’s State Representative Pat Duffy and will speak at the ceremony as will Care Center Valedictorian Christina Cislak.

“This may be the last graduation in the Valley this year but not the least inspiring by a long shot. These graduates are extraordinary young women who give us all us reason to feel optimistic about our future as a country. All have dropped out of school, are involved with the welfare system, and returned to their educational path to pass the HiSET exam

and the majority (more than 75%) will continue on to college. And they did this through the pandemic while caring for their children. These young women have much to contribute to this community, their families and the world.” says The Care Center Executive Director Anne Teschner. A list of The Care Center 2021 graduating class is attached.

Each year more than 100 young mothers attend The Care Center, an alternative education and cultural center located in Holyoke. Services include academic classes in preparation for the HiSET and college, cultural and artistic programming, on-site daycare, on-site free college, counseling, assistance with the transition to higher education, and door-to-door transportation. This year classes were held virtually and in-person.

The Care Center’s approach has led

to regional and national recognition as a model of innovation for young families. In 2012, The Care Center was selected as one of twelve organizations in the country to receive the Presidential Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award – the highest honor a program like this can receive. In 2016, The Care Center and Bard College launched Bard Microcollege Holyoke, the first college in the country tailored for young mothers located at The Care Center. In 2019, The Care Center won The Commonwealth Award, the highest award given by the state of Massachusetts to a cultural organization.

The Care Center is supported by numerous funding sources including the Massachusetts Cultural Council, Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance, Massachusetts

Department of Public Health, National Endowment for the Arts, Irene E. & George A. Davis Foundation, Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts and generous donors from throughout the region. For more information, visit [www.carecenterholyokey.org](http://www.carecenterholyokey.org).

### The Care Center 2021 Graduates

Jaidelice Arroyo  
Haley Barber  
Christina Cislak  
Ashlee Collins  
Odalys Colon  
Ilyana Muler  
Alexis Paul  
Stephany Rodriguez  
Sylvia Torres  
Aaliyah Santana  
Erica Santos  
Lenializ Williams

## Bank to hold shredding event Saturday

HOLYOKE – Westfield Bank is pleased to announce that it will be holding a free document shredding event at its 1650 Northampton Street office in Holyoke on Saturday, June 26 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Sponsored by ProShred Security®, the event is free and open to the public. There is a limit of two boxes of documents per person.

## HCC announces scholarship awardees for 2021-2022

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College is pleased to announce its scholarship award recipients for the 2021-2022 academic year.

This spring, the HCC Foundation awarded 239 scholarships worth \$225,250 to 186 incoming, current and graduating HCC students. Many students received multiple scholarships.

The average scholarship award is about \$1,000.

“HCC students are remarkable, and they demonstrate a level of resiliency that is unequalled,” said Patrick Carpenter,

director of Institutional Advancement. “This was a challenging year for many of our students as they continued to navigate college while managing the impact of a global pandemic on their lives. Yet despite the additional challenges brought on by COVID-19, HCC students still made it a priority to apply for scholarship support. The more than \$220,000 in scholarship funds given out by the HCC Foundation will be a real difference maker for many of our students, and will ensure that even more students return to HCC in the fall.”

Awardees from Holyoke include: Annmarie Arduino, Amanda Barta, Santyanee Chen, Joeline Christmas-Chase, Sharon Copes, Maria Cruz, Marco Diaz Moore, Brandon Eldred, Michelina Granger, Adalia Heal, Magdalena Mackowiak, Paul Maiolo, Crystal Medina, Vivian Medina, Jeannette Mendez, Joseph Moquin, Miren Neyra Alcántara, Caroline Oleary, Meghan Pion, Francisco Ramos Colon, Adelaida Rodriguez, Juan Rodriguez, Meriah Rudie, Erika Serrano, Tameka Torres, Jeyleen Troche Rivera, and Erica Wagner.

## Pouliot Pool set to re-open

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Parks and Recreation Department will be opening the Pouliot Pool for Summer 2021 during the week of June 28. Residents who wish to swim at the pool this summer must pre-register and purchase a pool pass.

Pre-registration dates will occur at Pouliot Pool on Wednesday, June 23 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and Thursday, June 24 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Prices for Summer Passes:  
Seniors (55 and older) \$5.00

Children 12 and under \$5.00  
13 and older \$10.00  
Children 3 and under Free  
Non-Residents \$10.00  
Day Passes \$5.00  
Pool Hours: Senior Swim, Monday – Friday, 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday & Sunday, 12 noon to 1 p.m.  
Open Swim will be daily, 1 to 6 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Holyoke Recreation Department at 413-322-5620.

## Youth fitness program offered

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Parks & Recreation Department will be partnering with 413 Family Fitness to offer a summer youth fitness program for ages 10-14. Come and participate in dance, games and obstacle courses.

This summer program will take place at Community Field from 4 to 5 p.m. on Mondays, July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2 and 9. The cost is \$25 for the

entire session.

For more information, please contact the Holyoke Parks & Recreation Department at (413) 322-5620 or visit the website at [www.holyoke.org](http://www.holyoke.org).

Download the necessary forms and return them along with payment to the Holyoke Parks & Recreation Department, 536 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.

## Youth tennis lessons available

HOLYOKE – The United States Tennis Association of New England (USTA New England) is partnering with the Holyoke Parks and Recreation Department to offer tennis lessons at Jones Point Tennis Courts. Led by an approved USTA tennis coach, the program will focus on developing the skills to serve, rally and play – so it’s perfect for beginners and first-time players. All players receive and keep a new age-appropriate racket, tennis ball, and a program t-shirt.

Tennis in the Parks will be offering tennis lessons for children entering grades

1-8. Lessons will occur on Tuesdays, July 6 to Aug. 10, at Jones Point Tennis Courts. 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. Grades 1-2  
6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Grades 3-5  
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Grades 6-8

The cost of the program is \$60. Please send registration and payment to Holyoke Parks and Recreation, 536 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA 01040. Please make checks payable to “USTA New England.”

For more information contact the Holyoke Parks and Recreation Department at 322-5620 or visit [www.holyoke.org](http://www.holyoke.org).

## City launches a Historic Tree Inventory Project this summer

HOLYOKE – Wistariahurst and the Holyoke Department of Conservation and Sustainability have teamed up to conduct an Historic Tree Inventory of Holyoke. Research on this project will be conducted throughout the summer and will culminate in a new map and interpretive tour of the Holyoke landscape. During the summer there will be opportunities for the public to weigh in on favorite trees in Holyoke, whether it be specimens that hold sentimental value, provide the most spectacular seasonal displays, or have an interesting link to the history of the region.

The project is a small part of a larger Urban Forest Equity Plan being produced by the Department of Conservation and Sustainability fund-

ed with a Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant. Once finished, the plan will advance the city’s on-going goal to mitigate the impacts of climate change, including localized flooding, stormwater pollution, air quality, and urban heat island effect, all of which can be impacted by tree placement and the urban tree canopy.

Joining the team for this project is Michaela Wright, whose previous experience includes projects with the New York Botanical Garden, Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, and the American Museum of Natural History. Wright will spend the summer developing an interpretive tree trail that will be launched for the public in the fall.

## Public invited to B-17 Memorial anniversary

HOLYOKE – The B-17 Memorial Committee cordially invites the general public to join us on July 10, as we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the B-17 tragedy on Mt. Tom in Holyoke. This year’s ceremony also recognizes

the 25th anniversary of the B-17 monument unveiling. We ask that attendees arrive at 8:30 a.m. for the 10 a.m. ceremony. Parking for the ceremony can be accessed by Mt. Park Rd followed by a right turn to Mt. Tom Ski Rd.



Poetry Corner

Fourth Of July

by Thomas J. Kennedy

*I saw them all standing there,  
Honoring those who sacrificed for us.  
Whether on a ship, WW1, WW2, Korean  
Battlefield, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan,  
or wherever . . .  
They fought for our freedom and for others,  
Trying to tell the world - dignity and freedom -  
all sisters and brothers.  
The flag flutters in cemeteries today,  
As people walk with flowers to graves to pray.  
To give their country, limb or life.  
Indeed - that's the greatest sacrifice . . .  
And now, what do you owe in return?  
You owe: live a decent good life.  
You owe: set good example for your children.  
You owe: stand up against injustice.  
Live in trust, understanding, compassion ,  
Kindness and understanding to all.  
Seek the truth and live in righteousness.  
Let's say "You have to have a golden heart"  
Before you also depart . . .  
Have your heart shining brighter than the sun.  
Love, help, care for your persons and country.  
God bless America!*



Guest Column

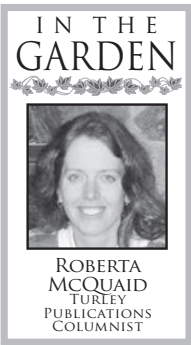
Reinvigorate your strawberry patch and irises too

My strawberry patch has been producing very well this year. But pretty soon the glut will have passed and it will be time to renovate the patch. Sure, it will be hard work, but it's absolutely necessary if you want to keep the berries coming!

First, get up the courage to run the lawnmower over your row of strawberries. Yes, you heard correctly. This will give you an opportunity to see what you have to work with in a dense planting, as well as cut down on foliar diseases. Set the mower at a height of two and a half to three inches and use the bagger attachment if you have one. Small plantings can be clipped away by hand. Compost the leaves away from your patch.

Now, assess your surroundings and think back to when you were doing all that picking. Was your back sore from reaching in to a very wide row? Were most of your berries on the small side? If you answered yes to both of these questions, then serious renovation is in order.

Use the tiller or a shovel to shrink your row back to a manageable width. Fourteen inches is about as wide as the experts recommend. Choose the healthiest part of your row and measure out 14 inches. Then, remove all the runners that have emerged outside of the boundaries. Those of us in the business of growing things usually find this part difficult. "Can't just this one stay?" Ease your guilt by giving away the extras or use them to start another patch. Next, get rid of any "mother" plants that are four years or older. Unfortunately, they have aged beyond their productivity. Simply dig them up and send them off to the compost pile. Finally, remove daughter plants that are spaced closer than four inches from one another. This is another difficult task, but one that must be accom-



plished if we want large, healthy berries. As you work within the row, be sure to eradicate any and all weeds that you come upon, since these will compete with your strawberry plants for moisture and nutrients.

Now that your patch has been renovated, it's time to reinvigorate. Add an inch or two of compost or aged manure to the row, along with a sprinkling of balance organic fertilizer. Water at least every other

day for the next couple of weeks or until a healthy stand of leaves has returned to the plants. Keep up with weeding, and continue to pinch back runners until frost hits. Managed in this fashion, a strawberry patch can remain productive for five years or more.

Another favorite plant that may be in need of reinvigoration is your iris. If once upon a time they bloomed strong and now there is barely a blossom to be seen, chances are they are overcrowded. It's time to divide them and replenish their soil. In our climate, this should be accomplished every three or four years. Surprisingly, and unlike most other perennials, division of irises should take place no later than July or August. This will give them ample time to take hold in their new location prior to the ground freezing.

At first glance the act of dividing irises may appear to be difficult. An overgrown iris patch does look like a maze of thick roots, but take heart, the rhizomes are shallow rooted and come out of the ground with relative ease. Start digging at the outer edge of the clump, lifting as you go. Once the entire clump is removed, rhizomes can be pried apart by hand. The healthiest "fans" of foliage are those the furthest from the center. Leave about 2 inches of rhizome attached to each fan for replanting.

If you are changing your site altogether, keep in mind that irises need at least six hours

of full sun a day for optimal flowering. They despise "wet feet," so plant where drainage is good. If your soil is lean, compost can be added to enrich it up. While you're at it, add a sprinkling of lime as well; irises prefer a soil near neutral. Dig a shallow hole wide enough to fit the rhizome. Make a ridge of soil in the hole for it to sit on so that its fibrous roots can hang down. The top of the rhizome should be level with the soil surface and exposed, not buried. This goes for bark mulch as well, keep it clear or blooms may be sacrificed. If your irises hardly flower but aren't overcrowded and are planted where they receive enough sun, assess your planting depth and adjust if necessary.

Examine your rhizomes closely when replanting. If you notice a lot of soft, rotten tissue, your iris patch could be infected with the iris borer. Usually by midsummer, one to one and a half inch larvae have made their way from the leaves into the rhizomes. They hollow out the fleshy roots causing foliage to collapse and rot to take over. Control this pest by proper sanitation. In the fall, after a hard frost, cut iris foliage back to the ground as low as possible. Throw it and any nearby debris or mulch away. With any luck, overwintering eggs will be removed by your efforts. In the spring, about the time that the tulips are blooming, inspect iris foliage for chewed edges, small holes, or tan colored water marks running down the leaf. If these are present, tiny larvae can be crushed inside the leaf before they burrow into the rhizome.

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Robert Collier

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Guest Column



After a dozen summits over 48 miles, Tom and Julie enjoying a rest on Bondcliff Mountain.



Julie and Tom on the summit of Mt. Lafayette while backpacking for five days.

A missed sign spoils a surprise, but hearts connect just the same

By Julie Midura

I remember the first time Tom and I encountered a backpacker while we were out in the woods on a day hike.

After the man passed us, I declared, “I love hiking, but there is no WAY I’d want to lug all of that gear on my back just to spend a night in the middle of the woods. At the end of a long day of hiking, I just want a hot shower and a juicy burger.”

Fast forward to the present day, with dozens of backpacking trips under our belts. The hot shower has been replaced with an ice-cold stream, and the juicy burger has been replaced with food that is eaten out of the bag it has been cooked in.

And, we wouldn’t have it any other way!

Although Tom and I love day-hiking, backpacking allows us to unplug from the chaos of the world for more than just a single day. Falling asleep to the sounds of nature while cocooned between the paper-thin walls of our three-person tent brings the outdoor experience to the next level.

Which is why I chose to celebrate the birthday that brings me closer to 60 than to 50 NOT at a spa but backpacking through the Pemigewasset Wilderness of New Hampshire. I wanted to prove to myself that age is just a number and that I am stronger and more capable than what the date on my birth certificate would suggest.

A 48-mile hike over 12 4,000-foot mountains would do just that.

If you’re ultra impressed with our extraordinary feat of endurance and physical prowess, don’t be. We didn’t complete the loop in one night. We didn’t even get it done in two. Rather, we started at 7 p.m. on a Thursday and finished at noon on a Tuesday. Yes, that means that we were out there for six days.

If we are to receive any accolades, it should be due to the fact that we managed to remain married after hiking up and down mountains all day and then sleeping side by side in a tent for five nights with no shower.

One of the numerous highlights of our extraordinary trip was receiving a video from my daughter midway through our hike, when Tom and I were on the ridge between Galehead Mountain and South Twin.

Prior to our hike, we sent our itinerary to our children so that they would be aware of our planned route. We also sent them one update per day, knowing that they worry about us when we’re out backpacking.

Boy, the tides have turned. It’s like we’re the teenagers now

Unbeknownst to us, our 25-year old daughter Emelie decided to surprise us by climbing Galehead Mountain and waiting for us to arrive on the summit. Although she is working on climbing all 48 4,000-footers in New Hampshire, she has never climbed Galehead.

She woke at 2 a.m., drove from Boston to New Hampshire, and arrived at the trailhead at 5 a.m. It was still dark outside. Afraid that she’d miss us, she jumped out of her car and raced past the

trailhead sign – never giving it a second glance. She hauled herself up the five-mile trail toward the summit. Along with her essentials, she was carrying a birthday card, cookies, and chocolate for me as well as a Father’s Day card and a thermos of hot coffee for Tom.

As she hiked towards the summit of Galehead Mountain, the terrain reminded her of a hike to the summit of Mt. Garfield that she and I had completed together in 2017. She thought that it was strange that the two trails were so similar, but, intent on reaching the summit of Galehead before we did, she brushed it off.

When she arrived at the summit a few hours from the time she started, she immediately realized her mistake.

On her drive to the mountain in the wee hours of the morning, she had shut off her GPS once she arrived at the dirt road leading to the trailhead. What she failed to realize is that there are TWO trailheads a short distance from each other on the same dirt road. She had parked her car at the first trailhead sign she reached – never even looking at the sign in her haste to surprise us on the summit.

As she reached the summit, she realized why the trail had looked so familiar. She was standing on Garfield, not Galehead. She had climbed the WRONG mountain!

I received her video message when I was standing on South Twin. At first, I was disappointed that I had missed out on seeing my daughter in person on the summit; but when I watched the video message she sent me from two mountains away, my heart filled with gratitude. I couldn’t possibly have felt her love more than if she had been standing right beside me.

The birthday surprise never happened, but the gift was not the chocolate, the cookies, or the card. It was the knowledge that my daughter had climbed a mountain for me. We may not have been physically connected, but in that moment, my heart could not have been joined more completely with hers.

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We heard silence.

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We rejoiced on every summit.

It’s amazing how little we need in this life to be truly happy.

Once we arrived on Bondcliff – the final mountain of our hike – we remained on the summit for over four hours. We placed our Z-Rest sleep pads on a flat rock, laid on our backs, and closed our eyes while the billowing white clouds floated above us.

There was nowhere we needed to be. There was no need to rush down. Since we planned to primitive camp for one final night, we had all the time in the world.

And we used it wisely.

And that, my friends, is backpacking!



Julie celebrating on Bondcliff – the final mountain of their 48-mile hike.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. College group
- 5. Small morsels of food
- 11. Actress Dunham
- 12. Puts a limit on
- 16. Used for baking or drying
- 17. Commercial
- 18. Zookeeper Bindi
- 19. Walk in one's sleep
- 24. The Great Lakes State
- 25. Winter sport
- 26. A thin layer on something
- 27. Peacock network
- 28. Give birth to a lamb or kid
- 29. "Too Scared to Cry" author
- 30. Nose
- 31. Friend
- 33. Country music legend Haggard
- 34. Curved
- 38. More deformed

CLUES DOWN

- 39. Bleated
- 40. Set on its end
- 43. An aspect of Ra
- 44. Releasing hormone (abbr.)
- 45. Harsh, grating noise
- 49. \_\_ Francisco
- 50. Common Japanese surname
- 51. Punish with an arbitrary penalty
- 53. Football position (abbr.)
- 54. Not in the know
- 56. African antelope
- 58. Popular tech (abbr.)
- 59. Baseball teams get three of them
- 60. Make up one's mind
- 63. \_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 64. Martens
- 65. Susan and Tom are two

- 2. Put an end to
- 3. Blood disorder
- 4. Ingredient in wine
- 5. Shellfish
- 6. Made smaller
- 7. We
- 8. The Treasure State
- 9. \_\_ Eklund, actress
- 10. Male parent
- 13. One hundredth of a watt (abbr.)
- 14. Dish of minced meat
- 15. Smothered laugh
- 20. Article
- 21. Atomic #12
- 22. Small parrot
- 23. Fictional "Star Wars" planet
- 27. French wine grape
- 29. Football stat (abbr.)
- 30. Sound unit
- 31. Where you sleep
- 32. University of Dayton
- 33. Miller beer offering
- 34. Feel embarrassed

- 35. Able to be estimated
- 36. Commune in NW France
- 37. Adult female chicken
- 38. Intergovernmental organization
- 40. Archaic term for until
- 41. That which is not sacred
- 42. Sound made in speech
- 44. Handgun (slang)
- 45. Fill up again
- 46. Evoke or awaken
- 47. Beam Me Up, \_\_!
- 48. Spider wasp genus
- 50. Headdress
- 51. Exclamation of surprise
- 52. Of I
- 54. Figures
- 55. Men's fashion accessories
- 57. Indicates position
- 61. Megabyte
- 62. The Prairie State

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# Upcoming summer events announced for Big E

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Leading up to the return of the Big E this fall, Eastern States Exposition is presenting The Big E's BIG Summer, a variety of events taking place on the Exposition grounds. Stop down for a drive-in movie, have dinner al fresco, grab some fresh cream puffs and eclairs, and shop on-site or online. Learn all about this summer's events by visiting TheBigE.com.

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A popular favorite at The Big E, The Sam Adams Beer Garden is open for outdoor dining this summer. Relax and enjoy your favorite Sam Adams brews paired with a menu of appetizers, burgers, pizzas, salads and more. Opening

day is Thursday, June 17 from 4:30 to 9:30pm.

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## Oliveira remembered as Tri-County rivals clash

**By Tim Peterson**  
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE – Paul Marcinek and Karl Oliveira were teammates on the St. Joseph's baseball team, which competes in the Tri-County League, for more than twenty years.

During a pregame ceremony held prior to the start of last Friday night's home opener against archrival Peoples Bank, Marcinek spoke about his long-time friend and teammate, who passed away unexpectedly on April 26.

"Karl Oliveira was Palmer. Karl Oliveira was St. Joe's. The loss of Karl Oliveira cannot be measured in words," said Marcinek following the game, which was won by Peoples Bank, 3-2 in eight innings. "To have the honor and the privilege to play baseball with Karl for so long was something very special.

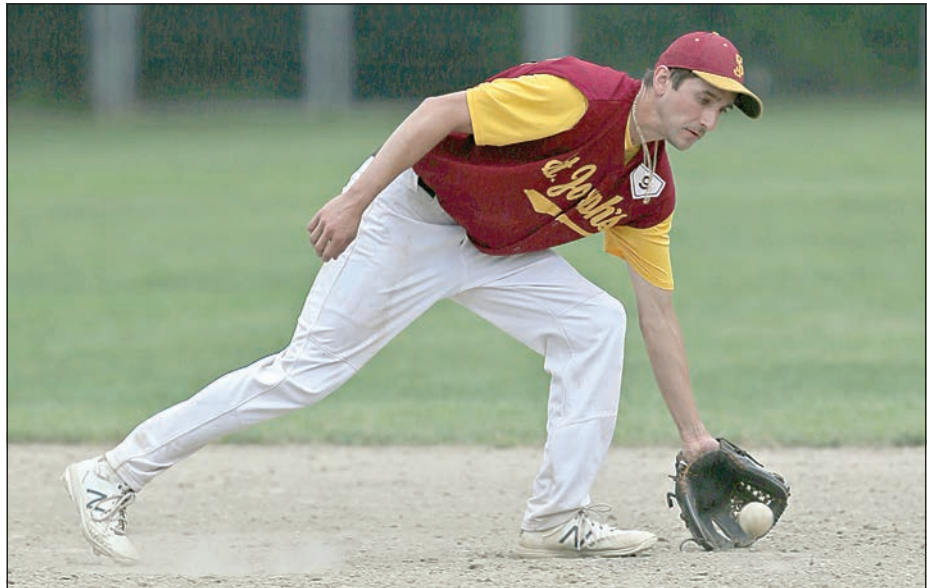
This was a very meaningful night for everyone here."

Besides being a player/manager for St. Joe's, Oliveira was also a member of the East Longmeadow Navigators in the National Division.

One of the things that Marcinek told the large crowd during the ceremony, which was followed by a moment of silence, was what it used to be like playing baseball games at St. Joe's Ballpark in front of large crowds on Friday nights during the summertime.

"This was what this placed always looked like on Friday night's back in the day," said Marcinek, who replaced Oliveira as the St. Joe's player/manager. "We've won many home games on Friday nights, and we also lost many games on Friday nights."

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St. Joe's Ryan Magni, of Chicopee, picks up a ground ball.



Jon Miarecki pitches for St. Joe's.  
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Devin Slattery makes a throw to first for PeoplesBank.



Pitcher Jake Graveline pitches for the Bankers.



Paul Marcinek speaks about teammate and longtime Tri-County League player/manager Karl Oliveira during a pre-game ceremony last Friday night.

## Western Mass. Pioneers keep on winning

**By Tim Peterson**  
Sports Correspondent



Nicholas Oberrauch makes his way up the field.  
Photos by David Henry



Carlos Ferrando changes up the field for the Pioneers.

LUDLOW – Blake Mullen, who's the Western Mass. Pioneers starting goalkeeper, was swarmed by a group of kids seeking his autograph following last Friday's home match versus AC Connecticut. It was the most action he saw the entire evening.

Mullen only made one save during the match and his teammates took care of the rest of the business, as the Pioneers posted a 3-0 shutout victory before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow. It was the Pioneers fourth shutout in their first seven matches of the regular season.

"To be able to post a shutout, especially in front of our fans here at Lusitano Stadium, just feels fantastic," said Mullen

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## Valley Blue Sox win pair of comeback games

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox (9-4) hosted their Father's Day celebration against the Bristol Blues (3-11) on Sunday night, where they made a major comeback in the ninth inning to win the game 4-3.

In collaboration with the Trey Mancini Foundation, fans wore blue in support of colorectal cancer research. Mancini is an alum of the Valley Blue Sox organization, competing on the 2011 roster, and was selected by the Baltimore Orioles in the eighth round (249th overall) of the 2013 MLB First Year Player Draft. In 2020, Mancini was diagnosed with colon cancer, and the Blue Sox honored his time

in the Valley at the game on Sunday, where fans could be seen donning blue ribbons in support of the cause.

The Blues, who have been on the bottom of the Southern Division standings, came to MacKenzie looking for revenge after their 11-0 loss to Valley on June 16th.

The game started fast for the Blues, scoring two runs in the top of the first inning. The Blue Sox were unable to get on the scoreboard until the fourth inning, when Jonathan Kelly of Xavier University had an RBI single.

The Blues responded in the top of the fifth inning, pushing their lead to 3-1.

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A couple of former St. Joe’s players came back and played in last Friday’s game in honor of Oliveira.

The St. Joe’s players wore #9, which was Karl’s uniform number during batting practice. A Peoples Bank uniform with the #9 on the back was hung on the fence near their bench.

Jim Long, who was the manager for Peoples Bank, passed away during the season several years ago.

Karl Oliveira was listed in the sixth spot in the St. Joe’s batting order as the designated hitter.

He was replaced by pinch hitter Josh Skowyra in the bottom of the second inning.

“Karl needed to be in the starting line-up on the night that we honored his memory,” Marcinek said. “Everything that was done tonight was very purposeful.”

Following the first pitch of the game, the ball was presented to Karl’s son, Nathan, who was the senior first baseman for the Palmer varsity baseball team this past spring.

The St. Joe’s starting pitcher against Peoples Bank was right-hander Jon

Miarecki.

“John was always our starting pitcher whenever we played home games on Friday night’s,” Marcinek said. “He returned for tonight’s game and I’m not sure how many more games he’ll be starting for us this season.”

Miarecki, who graduated from Ware High School, helped the Indians baseball team win a couple of championship titles back in the 1980’s.

Marcinek, who played baseball at Quaboag Regional, lost in the state semifinal game against Miarecki and the Indians at St. Joe’s Ball Park.

Two other players, who returned for St. Joe’s last Friday night were Russ Lloyd and Jay Eldridge.

Eldridge drove home both of St. Joe’s runs in last Friday’s game with singles to center field. Both runs were scored by second baseman Ryan Magni.

The rivalry between the two Tri-County league team is like the Red Sox and Yankees rivalry. The members of both teams do have a tremendous amount of respect for each other.

“If we’re the Red Sox, they (People’s) would be our Yankees,” Marcinek said. “They always win and always put a quality team on the field. To win a championship title in this

league, you always have to go through Peoples Bank. They’re in the finals every year.”

Peoples Bank has won the last seven Tri-County League titles.

Jon Ferry, who played for Peoples Bank in 2019, has returned to St. Joe’s this season as a player/coach.

Jon’s younger brother, Joe, is in his second season as the Peoples Bank player/ manager.

“Jon used to play for St. Joe’s before he decided to play for my team in 2019,” Joe Ferry said. “When Karl passed away, he felt the need to go back over there and be a player/ coach. I can’t respect him more as his brother for doing that. I would like to be teammates with my older brother for another season before we stop playing baseball.”

Joe Ferry also played for St. Joe’s and was a member of the 2006 championship team.

“I played with Karl from 2004 until 2008,” said Ferry, who graduated from Palmer High School. “Karl was a great guy and it’s a huge loss for our entire league. He’s a legend in Palmer. This has always been a friendly rivalry and he spoke highly of everyone on our team. It’s always a lot of fun playing against St. Joe’s.”

St. Joe’s (1-1) held a 2-0 lead entering the top of the sixth inning in last Friday’s contest.

Peoples Bank scored a pair of runs in that frame, which tied the game at 2-2.

Both teams stranded runners in scoring position in the seventh inning

Dave Clark, who was a pinch hitter for Peoples in the top of the sixth, beat out an infield hit leading off the top of the eighth inning. After stealing second base, he advanced to third on a balk. Then shortstop Devin Slattery, who graduated from Ware High School in 2019, flied out to left field. Clark did not immediately break towards the plate on the play, but when the left fielder’s throw home skipped away from the catcher, he was able to score the go-ahead.

Righty Garrett Baker, who had replaced Peoples starter Jake Graveline with one-out in the sixth, wound up being the winning pitcher. He walked St. Joe’s Brandon Magni with one-out in the seventh before retiring the next two batters with a strikeout and flyout ending the ballgame.

“This was a very big win for us,” said Joe Ferry, who’s team entered this week’s action with a 2-0 record. “It was one of those games where we were challenged.”

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after he finished signing autographs. “The defense is playing very well and we’re also scoring a lot of goals this season, which is awesome.”

Mullen, who’s from Manchester, Conn., has been the Pioneers starting goalie since 2019. He was the USL League Two Golden Glove winner that season.

Since losing a road match to the Boston Bolts, 4-0, in the season opener on May 11, the Pioneers have posted a 5-0-1 record and have outscored their opponents, 14-2. The Western Mass. squad is battling the Bolts for first place in the USL League Two Northeast Division standings.

“The players are playing with a lot of confidence right now,” said Western Mass. Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. “We just need to keep improving in every match.”

Mullen and his teammates recorded a 2-0 shutout victory in the first meeting of the season against AC Connecticut (1-6), which was played at Dillon Stadium in Hartford, Connecticut on May 26. Their other two shutouts came against FC Malaga City.

The Pioneers are scheduled to play a friendly versus Hartford Athletic, who played in the USL championship in 2019, at Dillon Stadium on July 20.

The Pioneers, who finished in first place in the Northeast league standings in 2019, are hoping to qualify for the playoffs again this season.

“It definitely feels like we’re doing something special again this season,”

Mullen said. “It was an awesome experience playing in the playoffs two years ago. We’re hoping to host a home playoff match this year.”

The Pioneers defeated the North Carolina Fusion U23 squad, 3-1, in the 2019 Eastern Conference semifinals before losing to Reading United AC, who were the host team, 1-0, in the finals.

Mullen gave a lot of credit to the defense for making his job very easy. The starting defenders for the Pioneers in last Friday’s home match were Federico Gutierrez, Nicholas Oberrauch, Carlos Emery, Carlos Ferrando.

“I’ve really enjoyed having those guys playing in front of me this year,” Mullen said. “They just love playing defense.”

Gutierrez, who was the Pioneers game captain, suffered a left ankle injury at the end of the first half. He was replaced by Federico Ucar at the start of the second half.

“Losing a player to injury like Federico Gutierrez definitely hurts a lot,” Mullen added. “We do have some talented players on the bench. Federico Ucar came in and played very well.”

Mullen took over the captain role from Gutierrez during the second half.

“Being a captain of this soccer team is something that you always dream about,” he said. “It was a huge honor for me to be captain for the first time during the second half. I really appreciate Federico giving it to me.”

The Pioneers captain is Maxi Viera, who has missed the past couple of matches with an injury. Connor Hicks, who’s from Monson, is also sidelined with an injury.

Just like the fans sitting in the stands, Mullen has enjoyed watching the duo of forward Patrick Agyemang and midfielder Ignacio Lerech combine offensively. They’re both first-year members of the team.

“Patrick and Ignacio have combined so well together. It seems like they’ve been playing together for years,” Mullen said. “Both of them are always looking to score goals and it’s awesome having them play for our team this year.”

During the 8th minute of the last Friday’s match, Agyemang sent a forward pass to Lerech, who sprinted down the right side in front of a defender before firing a shot into the left corner past AC Connecticut goalie Jan Tofern for a breakaway goal giving the home team an early 1-0 lead.

“Scoring a goal is the best feeling in the world, but the most important thing is that we won tonight’s game” Lerech said. “Our goalie and the defense deserve a lot of credit because they’re doing an amazing job. Everyone just did a great



Carlos Emery heads up the left side.  
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job tonight.”

While the Pioneers had several more scoring chances, the score remained 1-0 until late in the first half.

During the 41st minute, Lerech sent the ball into the box from the left side and Jordan Koduah tapped it into the back of the net.

The best scoring chance for AC Connecticut came during the 63rd minute when Mullen tipped a shot attempt by Pascal Derwaritsch over the crossbar resulting in a corner kick.

The Pioneers had a couple of scoring chances during the final ten minutes of the match.

A line drive shot by Khalid Rose was deflected away by Tofern and the rebound shot by Martin Oyenard skipped wide. Another shot by Rose sailed wide a couple of minutes later.

The Pioneers did put a shot into the net during stoppage time, as Guillermo Deal connected with Yosuke Hanya, which sent their faithful supporters home happy for the second week in a row.



Sebastian Arriagada dekes around a pair of defenders.

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Valley then went to score in the bottom of the sixth, but the game remained scoreless until the ninth inning, when Cole Andrews (Miami/Ohio) made yet another game-altering play that resulted in two RBIs to come from behind and win the game.

“It feels good to come back and get the win,” said Andrews, who has been a ninth inning hero for the Blue Sox in multiple games this season. “We didn’t have the best game hitting in the first eight innings, so I’m glad we could get it done in the ninth.”

**Blue Sox 7, Westerners 6**

The Valley Blue Sox (8-3) faced the Danbury Westerners (5-6) in their second matchup of the season Saturday night at MacKenzie Stadium, where

they came back to win the game 7-6.

The theme for the 7:05 p.m. game was School’s Out, and the night was all about the kids, featuring a Bubble DJ and face painter in attendance.

The first time the Blue Sox faced the Westerners, they took the game by a score of 12-7.

The Friday night game started off slow for the Westerners, with two strikeouts dished out in the first inning from Aaron Hubbell of Belmont University. The bottom of the second brought the first run of the game from a Brian Hart (Marist) RBI that brought Nate Thomas (St. Josephs) home. Then, after great plays from the Valley outfielders to prevent the Westerners from making their mark on the scoreboard, Brenden Hueth (St. Josephs) sprinted his way to first and slyly stole second, bringing Jack Housinger (Xavier) home.

The game evened out from a

two-run home run from Matt Zaffino (Fairfield) of the Westerners. The score stood at 2-2 heading into the fourth inning, where Valley was able to score again off of a Travis Holt RBI double.

The lead was short-lived. The Westerners then scored three runs in the top of the sixth to take the lead by a score of 5-3. The Blue Sox stayed in the deficit for a majority of the game, where both teams were unable to score any runs against each other from the sixth to ninth innings.

The bottom of the ninth saw new life from the Blue Sox, when Nate Thomas and Travis Holt were both brought home off of a Cole Andrews (Miami/Ohio) RBI, which tied the game at 5-5.

“Cole is always coming through,” said Head Coach Hez Randolph, “he has a knack for getting that big hit. He’s becoming one of those guys that you

want to have a bat in his hands in a clutch situation.”

The game was the first in the Blue Sox’ 2021 season to go into extra innings. In the top of the tenth, Danbury scored a run, making the game 6-5. Both dugouts were wild, after an umpire mistakenly called Travis Holt out at first. The Westerners celebrated on the diamond before being told to return to their dugout to finish the game.

The (almost) four-hour game came to a conclusion at the end of 10 innings, when Nate Thomas bombed one to right field with two runners on, and the outfielder couldn’t catch it.

“I want to commend our guys for sticking with it and fighting to win it. It’s really tough, especially in summer ball, when everyone is new and there aren’t really ties to the team, so it’s special to see that the guys really care. That’s awesome.” Said Randolph.



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Notice is given that a Community Outreach Meeting for a proposed Marijuana Establishment is scheduled for July 9, 2021 at 5 p.m. at 1 Cabot Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.  
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We will be hosting a public question and answer session at 1 Cabot Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.  
There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.  
06/25/2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD21C0120CA  
In the matter of:  
Lorelie Sunshine Davila  
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME  
A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by **Lorelie Sunshine Davila** of Holyoke, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:  
**Lorelie Sunshine Davila-Wenzel**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court****

**before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/13/2021.**  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.  
WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: June 15, 2021  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
06/25/2021

**City of Holyoke  
536 Dwight Street #15  
Holyoke, MA 01040-5078  
(413)-322-5650  
Request For Bids 2021-017  
DPW Equipment**  
The City of Holyoke is seeking sealed bids for the following DPW equipment. 1.75 Yard Concrete Mixer, Asphalt Reclaimer Stabilizer, Optical Survey Equipment, GPS Date Collector, Infrared Pavement Heater, 2021 International HV Dump Truck, Low Speed High Torque Stump Grinder, Self-Propelled Thermoplastic Striping Machine. All quantities are one (1) unit, and the City will consider awarding multiple contracts if it is in the best interest of the City to do so. Conditional bids will not be accepted.  
Bids will be received by the Chief Procurement Officer, Room 15, Holyoke City Hall, Holyoke, MA 01040 until **2:00 PM on 7/20/21** at which time bids will be publicly opened and read.  
Documents will be available by email request after 10:00 AM on 6/28/21 at: belangerl@holyoke.org  
The City of Holyoke reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids  
06/25/2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD21C0115CA**

**In the matter of:  
Jared Michael Johnston  
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Jared Michael Johnston** of Holyoke, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:  
**Jared Michael Sandoval**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court** **before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/08/2021.**  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.  
WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: June 10, 2021  
**Rosemary Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
06/25/2021

**LEGAL NOTICE  
CITY OF HOLYOKE  
GAS & ELECTRIC  
DEPARTMENT  
LINE HARDWARE -  
35KV PADMOUNTED  
THREE-WAY SWITCHGEAR**  
Sealed bids for furnishing the above will be received by Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept. until **10:00 a.m., July 7, 2021** at the Office of the Manager, 99 Suffolk St., Holyoke, MA 01040, at which time proposals will be publicly opened and read.  
Additional information may be obtained from:  
Chi Wong  
99 Suffolk Street  
Holyoke, MA 01040  
(413) 536-9308  
The right is hereby reserved to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal that in the opinion of the Manager may be for the best interest of the City of Holyoke.  
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address them to:  
**James M. Lavelle, Manager**  
Holyoke Gas & Electric  
99 Suffolk Street  
Holyoke, MA 01040  
06/25/2021

**Notice of Public Hearing**  
The Holyoke Stormwater Authority will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, July 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.** to hear, pursuant to Section 38.0 of the Holyoke Ordinance, an application for a Stormwater Permit by Kindred Healthcare to demolish an existing vacant building and construct a new 4-story behavioral health hospital and 1-story DMH building, along with a new parking lot and stormwater management facilities at 45 Lower Westfield Road, known as parcels 117-00-018.  
Please be advised that the hearing will be held remotely via **Zoom**. Members of the public can access the meeting by calling a telephone number and entering the meeting ID and password. This information will be posted on the City's meeting website in advance of the meeting at  
[www.holyoke.org/calendar-list/](http://www.holyoke.org/calendar-list/)  
A copy of the application and site plan may be obtained electronically by sending an email to the Holyoke City Engineer at  
[peirent@holyoke.org](mailto:peirent@holyoke.org)  
or by appointment requested through this same email address.  
**STORMWATER AUTHORITY:**  
David Moore, Chairman  
06/25/2021

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Swinging Bridges Auction Company, Lic #2755 will hold a Public Auction on **July 3, 2021 at 9 a.m.** Unclaimed items to be sold at **Pawn Depot Inc., 448 Appleton St., Holyoke, MA 01040.**  
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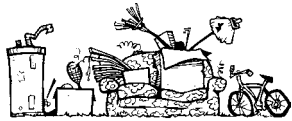
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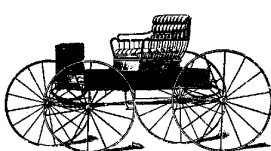
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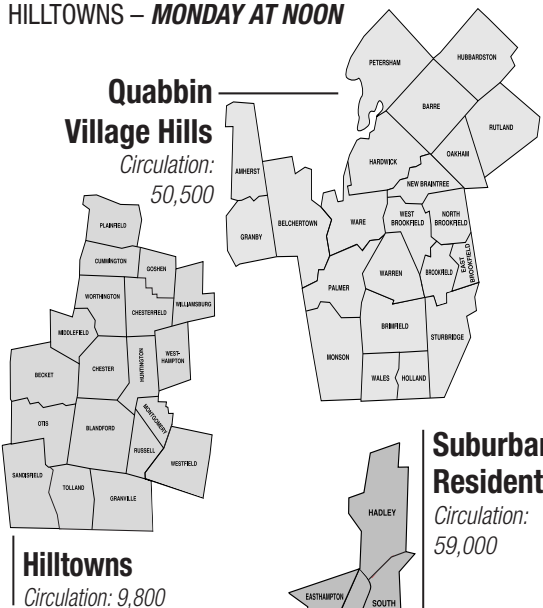
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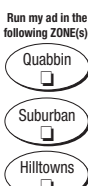
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## SENIORS, from page 1

ing, the Golden Senior group is trying to start back up.

The group held a meeting last Wednesday to come up with event ideas, though member Bob Drapeau said there weren't many attendees to give opinions. There will be another meeting to talk about event ideas next Wednesday on

their regular meeting day and time at 1 to 3 p.m. Drapeau encourages any interested senior to stop by the center and join the meeting to get the Golden Seniors up and running again.

"The group has been ongoing successfully for many years and we want to bring it back, people haven't seen word of the center being open so we want to get the word out," Drapeau said. "We

have different events every Wednesday like bingo and other entertainment, something for seniors to get involved in." After the groups get more seniors to talk about what events they'd like to see, the following Wednesdays will include different activities for seniors to participate in.

The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

though information is not included on the city website the center has a Facebook page that they're updating. For more information on the center including their lunches, and activities their holding people can visit their Facebook page entitled Holyoke Council on Aging and Senior Center. For further questions or information people can call the center at 413-322-5625.

## GARDEN, from page 1

year and have seen the number of families in need of fresh vegetables. We know this community garden space will help address that need and offer an opportunity for Holyoke to learn, grow, and celebrate together.

As a representative of the New Majority (BIPOC, working class, poor, LGBTQ, women and immigrant communities), we are excited to be launching this community garden space. As the new stewards of this property, it will stay owned and cared for by the community. We see this property and project as a part of the path toward the liberation of our community and highlights the resilient people here in Holyoke.

## ELECTION, from page 1

held on Sept. 21. The last day to register for the municipal election will be Oct. 13, and the municipal election will be on Nov. 2. As there are still people who haven't returned candidate papers, the list of candidates will be updated as papers are returned. For those interested in viewing the list or watching for updates on candidates they can visit the city website at <https://www.holyoke.org> on the Clerk Page under Voter Information.

The certified candidates for mayor are: Devin Sheehan, Rebeca Lisi, Gloria A. Caballero, Michael Sullivan, Christopher Kosinski, and Joshua Garcia. The certified candidates for

Holyoke City Council include Jenny Rivera, Michael Thomas Siciliano, Linda Vacon, Juan Anderson-Burgos, Peter Tallman, Kevin Jourdain, Jose Luis Maldonado Velez, Mark Chatel, Jennifer Keitt, Howard Greaney Jr., and Paola Ferrario. There is only one certified candidate for School Committee, John Whelihan. There are 10 other candidates listed, but none of them are certified yet.

All nomination papers, regardless of the position, are due on July 27. Those with papers out have time to hand them in and become certified. If people want to take out candidate papers, they are advised to do it as soon as possible and to return their papers just as soon.

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# Big E returns this fall with full capacity fair

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Eastern States Exposition (ESE) is thrilled to announce that The Big E is back.

ESE President Gene Cassidy, and West Springfield Mayor Will Reichelt met with media Tuesday, June 15 to officially announce the opening of the 105th edition of The Big E, Sept. 17 to Oct. 3.

Cassidy said, “It’s a good day! We have long awaited the opportunity to make this announcement and have been working diligently on our program. Preparations are underway as we look forward to welcoming everyone back to our beloved Big E.”

Mayor Reichelt said, “The Big E is a West Springfield institution and we welcome all of New England to our Town in September. We have appreciat-

ed ESE’s transparency and communication through this process as well as their assistance in providing a location for the West of the River Regional Vaccine Center. Personally I can’t wait to get back to The Big E!”

Cassidy added, “Our thanks go out to Mass. Governor Charlie Baker, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Mayor Reichelt and a special thank you to West Springfield’s Director of Public Health Jeanne Galloway, who has been working closely with us as we all navigated the many phases of the Massachusetts re-opening process.”

“Big is Back” is the theme of this year’s Fair. Currently the fifth largest fair in North America, The Big E will debut some big surprises this year including

The Super Wheel, a 150 ft. high Ferris wheel with 36 climate-controlled gondolas that seat up to six people. It will be located between the Better Living Center and the Gate 5 entrance.

Music fans will enjoy top-name concerts at The Big E Arena, sponsored by Truly Hard Seltzer. Guests will be able to visit the Avenue of States, Storowton Village Museum, shop, eat iconic fair foods, watch the new Big Parade, ride the rides and much more.

Look to our website and social media for announcements as information becomes available. Advance discount tickets to the 2021 Big E are on sale now online at [www.TheBigE.com](http://www.TheBigE.com) or at The Big E Box Office.

Eastern States Exposition, home of The Big E, follows COVID-19 regulations required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Town of West Springfield now and will continue to do so during The Big E.

The Big E relies on thousands of employees and volunteers in a variety of positions to help present the Fair each year. Visit [TheBigE.com](http://TheBigE.com) for job postings for the 2021 Big E.

The Big E would not be possible without the support of its sponsors. The Fair has a myriad of sponsorship opportunities at a variety of levels. If you are a business or organization interested in becoming a sponsor at The Big E, please contact Jill Larsen at 413-205-5017 or [jlarsen@TheBigE.com](mailto:jlarsen@TheBigE.com).

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